

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is David Currier, and I am contacting you today to demonstrate my full support of the merger between Sirius and XM. While reading today's issue of USA Today, I noticed the article in the Money section discussing how you are accepting public comments on the proposed merger.

While the issue of "best interest of the consumer" is at the forefront of this discussion, I hope you view things from the consumer standpoint in 2007, rather than what was available to the same consumer a decade ago. Sirius and XM dominate the landscape of satellite radio, but what I hope you realize is that satellite radio is merely one component under the ever expanding "audio entertainment" umbrella.

When satellite radio emerged on the scene more than 10 years ago, Sirius and XM were the main alternative to your standard FM and AM radio. The 2 horse race between satellite and terrestrial radio has ceased to exist in the 21st Century.

High definition radio, iPods and a wide array of MP3 players are now viable options for the "audio entertainment" consumer to choose from. On June 29 2007, the highly anticipated Apple iPhone will be added to the list of competition facing satellite radio.

After reading the article in USA Today, your question of whether or not "sufficient continuing competition" will exist if the merger of XM and Sirius is approved became quickly answered. On the page right next to the article on satellite radio was a full page color ad for none other than HD Radio. The ad clearly boasts of 1967 nationwide channels and 188 on air markets, with the main focus of this ad being the headline "HD radio is free, like radio should be!"

In closing, the headline "HD radio is free, like radio should be!" is the perfect way for HD radio to single out satellite radio as their direct competition, and is also the perfect way for me to prove my point that the merger of XM and Sirius should be approved.

Thank you for your time,

David F. Currier

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